

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application General Permit Authorization No. TXG920297

Application. Eltje Frans Brand, P. O. Box 11, Energy, Texas 76452 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for a substantial change to the terms of the nutrient management plan (NMP) previously submitted to the TCEQ. The Applicant is proposing to increase the total dairy cattle from 4,000 head to a maximum of 4,800 head, all of which will be milking cows, and reconfigure the land management units (LMUs). The acreage of the following LMUs has decreased: LMU #1 from 76 to 60 acres, LMU #2 from 48 to 41 acres, LMU #3A from 42 to 40 acres, LMU #3B from 18 to 16 acres, LMU #5 from 26 to 23 acres and LMU #6 from 14 to 12 acres. The acreage of LMU Pivot 4 has increased from 26 to 33 acres. The total LMU acreage has decreased from 488 to 463 acres. Other proposed changes include the addition of two new freestall barns, slurry basins, and updates to the retention control structures design calculations. The notice of change and the updated NMP were received by TCEQ on August 25, 2017.

No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All manure and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The facility is located at 14750 Highway 16, Comanche, Comanche County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Leon River Below Proctor Lake in Segment No. 1221 of the Brazos River Basin. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.858611&lng=-98.605&zoom=13&type=r>. For the exact location, refer to the application.

A copy of the notice of change, the terms of the NMP, and the Executive Director's technical summary is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, 12100 Park 35 Circle Austin, Texas 78753, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Region 4, Stephenville Office, 580 West Lingleville Road, Suite D, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve the proposed changes under General Permit No. TXG920000.

Public Comment/ Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is

to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Information. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> within 30 days of the date this notice is issued. For additional information about this application, contact Mr. Corey Mullin, Enviro-Ag Engineering, Inc. at (254) 965-3500 or Ms. Joy Alabi, Land Application Team, TCEQ at (512) 239-1318. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/.

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